

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: W. Bashore
HUMPLEMAN *et al.*)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A)
HOME NETWORK AUTO-TREE BUILDER)
Application No.: 09/709,781)
Filed: November 3, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 2176

INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF
INTERVIEW HELD ON JULY 26, 2005

MS RCE
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby files this paper to document the Examiner Interview of July 26, 2005 between Examiner William Bashore and Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886) in the above-referenced patent application. In the interview the differences between the limitations of Claim 13 and the reference Suzuki, "Teleoperation of multiple robots through the Internet", 5th IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Communications, November 11-14, 1996, pages 84-89, were discussed.

Applicant argued that Suzuki does not teach or suggest a method for providing an interface for accessing devices that are currently connected to a home network. Applicant further argued that Suzuki does not disclose: creating a top menu of devices, displaying the top

menu on a display device for a user to individually select each listed device, and displaying a user interface for a selected device for a user to activate said controllable function. It was also discussed that Suzuki does not generate a list of robots as a menu, from which an operator can select individual robots for control of a robot. The Examiner stated that he will consider the arguments in reviewing the case.

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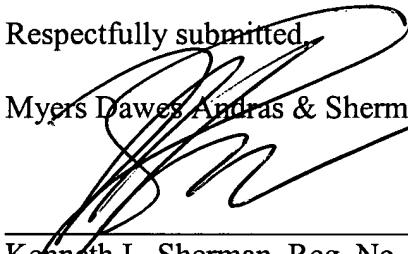
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